**HON'BLE SHRI G.S.SINGHVI, THE CHIEF JUSTICE**
**AND**
**HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE C.V.NAGARJUNA REDDY**

**WRIT PETITION No. 7173 of 2007**

Between:

Pasika Rajamallu

... Petitioner

AND

The A.P. Pollution Control Board, rep., by its Member Secretary, Sanathnagar, Hyderabad and six others.

... Respondents

**: ORDER :**

Counsel for respondent No.1 : Shri S.V. Bhatt

**Dated: 4th June, 2007**

**Per G.S. SINGHVI, CJ.**

Letter dated 19.02.2007 sent by Sri Pasika Rajamally, S/o. Rajaiah, R/o.No.2, Basthi, H.No.1-3-42, Illandu, Khammam District with the complaint that conversion of underground mines into open cast mines by the Management of Singareni Collieries Company Limited has resulted in pollution of atmosphere adversely affecting the lives of the people of Kothagudem, Illandu and Srirampur villages was treated by one of us i.e., the Chief Justice as a writ petition in public interest.

In response to the notice issued by the Court, the Management of Singareni Collieries Company Limited has filed a copy of the clearance granted by the Ministry of Environment and Forest vide letter No.J-11015/208/2005-IA.II(M) dated 11.09.2006. The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (for short 'the Board') has filed two reports prepared on the basis of inspection carried out by its officers.

A perusal of the reports filed on behalf of the Board shows that the pollution caused due to dust and gaseous omissions emanating from the mines are within the parameters laid down by the Board. Therefore, it is not possible for this Court to issue a writ of prohibition restraining Singareni Collieries Company Limited from continuing the mining operations.

With the above observations, the writ petition is disposed of.

**G.S. SINGHVI, CJ.**

**C.V. NAGARJUNA REDDY, J.**

Date: 04.06.2007
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